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SUBJECT: CIEC: U.S. PROPOSAL IN CIEC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

TO INVITE GATT AND UNCTAD TO GIVE REPORTS ON MTN AND GSP

REF: (A) GENEVA 861; (B) STATE 29157

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1. DG LONG DISCUSSED WITH WASHINGTON OFFICIALS HIS CONCERN

THAT UNCTAD IN GIVING REPORT TO CIEC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION WOULD ATTEMPT TO CLAIM A ROLE FOR ITSELF IN THE MANAGEMENT OF THE MTN. WE EMPHASIZED THAT IN OUR VIEW GATT ALONE WAS CHARGED WITH MANAGEMENT OF THE MTN. WE EXPLAINED PRECISE NATURE OF WHAT WE EXPECTED TO HAVE UNCTAD'S REPORT COVER AND STRESSED THAT REASON FOR BOTH GATT AND UNCTAD REPORTS WOULD BE TO ESTABLISH AN IMPARTIAL FACTUAL BASIS FOR THE DIALOGUE ON TRADE IN THE COMMISSION. ALTHOUGH DISCUSSION WITH LONG AND PATTERSON ON THIS MATTER ENDED RATHER INCONCLUSIVELY, WE GAINED IMPRESSION THEY HAD NOT FULLY UNDERSTOOD US INTENTIONS. NEVERTHELESS, WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD KEEP IN MIND LONG'S CONCERN (REF A) THAT US PROPOSAL AT CIEC WOULD SOMEHOW LINK AND EQUATE ROLES OF GATT AND UNCTAD REGARDING MTN.

2. US DEL TO CIEC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION IS REQUESTED IN MAKING PROPOSAL FOR GATT AND UNCTAD INVITATIONS TO STRESS THAT THE US WOULD EXPECT THESE REPORTS TO PROVIDE A FACTUAL BASIS FOR THE DIALOGUE ON TRADE.

3. DEL SHOULD INDICATE THAT U.S. WOULD WISH THE GATT REPORT TO COVER THE BREADTH OF THE TRADE ISSUES UNDER CONSIDERATION IN THE MTN AND THE PRESENT STATUS OF THE WORK IN THE SIX TNC GROUPS, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO DEVELOPING COUNTRY TRADE INTERESTS. THE GATT REPORT SHOULD ALSO DESCRIBE THE WORK BEING DONE BY THE GATT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE UNIT IN HELPING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MTN.

4. WITH REGARD TO UNCTAD REPORT, DEL SHOULD INDICATE THAT U.S. WOULD WISH IT TO DESCRIBE THE GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES (GSP) AND THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BEING PROVIDED BY UNCTAD TO ASSIST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE VARIOUS GSP SCHEMES. THE U.S. REGARDS THIS SUBJECT AS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT BECAUSE BETTER UTILIZATION BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OF GSP SCHEMES ALREADY IN PLACE OFFERS THE BEST OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM IN THE TRADE AREA TO ALLEVIATE IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE THEIR DIFFICULT BALANCE OF PAYMENTS SITUATIONS. THE UNCTAD SHOULD ALSO REPORT ON THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IT HAS BEEN PROVIDING TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO HELP THEM PARTICIPATE

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IN THE MTN.

5. MISSION GENEVA IS REQUESTED TO REITERATE TO UNCTAD SECRETARIAT AT HIGHEST LEVEL NECESSARY THAT U.S. PROPOSAL TO HAVE UNCTAD GIVE A REPORT AT THE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION RELATES TO THE TRADE AREA AND TO THE TOPICS IN PARA 4 ABOVE. WE WOULD CONSIDER IT INAPPROPRIATE AS WELL AS UNNECESSARY FOR UNCTAD TO MAKE A REPORT ON THE

RANGE OF ITS ACTIVITIES RELEVANT TO THE DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION AS WAS SUGGESTED BY UNCTAD SECRETARIAT
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